

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1033**
Katsumasa HIJIKATA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0416A
Serial No. 10/800,716 : Group Art Unit 2815
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VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFICATION : **Mail Stop: RCE**
CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 2, 2009, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, and further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: